

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A sheet of material for use in packaging flowers and plants, the sheet of material comprising a plurality of scored intersecting lines, the sheet of material having a first unfolded position and a second folded position, wherein the sheet of material is moveable from the first position to the second position by folding in a pre-defined sequence along the plurality of lines, the plurality of lines arranged to form a package having a pre-determined shape when the sheet is in the second position.
2. The sheet of claim 1, wherein the scored lines are arranged to create the pre-defined folding sequence.
3. The sheet of claim 1, further comprising visual indicia arranged to illustrate the pre-defined folding sequence.
4. The sheet of claim 1, further comprising a fastening means disposed on at least a portion of the sheet of material to secure the sheet of material in the second folded position.
5. The sheet of claim 4, wherein the fastening means comprises adhesive, double-sided tape, mechanical fasteners, direct bonds and combinations thereof.
6. The sheet of claim 1, wherein the pre-determined shape is a generally conical having an open top and bottom.
7. The sheet of claim 1, wherein the pre-determined shape has the appearance of being wrapped by hand.
8. The sheet of claim 1, wherein the pre-determined shape has the appearance of multiple overlapping layers of wrap.
9. The sheet of claim 1, further comprising markings disposed across the sheet of material and arranged to produce a selected appearance when the sheet is in the second position, wherein the markings are arranged to compliment the folded shape of the sheet of material.
10. The sheet of claim 9, wherein the plurality of lines are arranged to produce a generally conical shaped package when the sheet of material is in the second position and the markings are arranged to produce an appearance of a generally translucent inner wrap surrounded by a generally transparent outer wrap.

11. The sheet of claim 1, wherein the sheet of material further comprises a plurality of second folded positions, each one of the plurality of second positions corresponding to a distinct package, the plurality of lines arranged to define each one of the distinct packages based upon the folding sequence used when moving the sheet of material from the first position to the second position.
12. A method for making a sheet of material for use in packaging flowers and plants, the method comprising:
folding the sheet of material in a sequence defined by a plurality of intersecting lines to form a package having a pre-determined shape;
securing the package in the pre-determined shape; and
shipping the secured folded package.
13. The method of claim 12, further comprising scoring the plurality of intersecting lines in the sheet of material.
14. The method of claim 12, further comprising:
scoring a plurality of lines to define a plurality of distinct folding sequences;
selecting the desired folding sequence; and
folding the sheet of material in accordance with the selected folding sequence.
15. The method of claim 13, wherein the step of scoring the sheet of material further comprises scoring a plurality of paper sheets simultaneously.
16. The method of claim 13, wherein the step of scoring the sheet of material comprises scoring a single film sheet using a metallic die.
17. The method of claim 12, wherein the step of securing the package in the pre-determined shape comprising applying a fastening means to at least one overlapping portion of the pre-determined shape.
18. A method for making a sheet of material for use in packaging flowers and plants, the method comprising:
scoring a plurality of intersecting lines in a sheet of material, the plurality of intersecting lines defining a sequence for folding the sheet of material;
applying a fastening means to at least one overlapping portion of the pre-determined shape; and
shipping the sheet of material in an unfolded state.